

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (previously presented) Drive device for the adjustment of an actuating element of a throttle, valve, connection device, dosage feed device or similar device, in particular in the production of oil or gas, the drive device comprising:

at least one spindle drive movably connected to the actuating element and a gear unit arranged between the spindle drive and at least one motor; the gear unit exhibiting a reduction gear assigned to the spindle drive, and a spur gear assigned to the motor .

2. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 1, wherein the spindle drive is a recirculating roller or ball spindle drive with a spindle nut and threaded spindle.

3. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 2, wherein the spindle nut is supported rotationally, but axially immovably in a device housing.

4. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 2, wherein the spindle nut is supported rotationally rigidly, but axially movably in a device housing.

5. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 2, wherein the spindle nut or threaded spindle is rotationally rigidly connected to the reduction gear.

6. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 1, wherein the reduction gear exhibits as a harmonic drive gear a flexible, cup-shaped toothed sleeve, a fixed ring element and a wave generator, whereby the toothed sleeve partially engages the inner teeth of the ring element with its outer teeth and the wave generator is arranged inside the toothed sleeve.

7. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 6, wherein the toothed sleeve is rotationally rigidly connected to the spindle nut or the threaded spindle.

8. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 6, wherein a rotationally supported, but axially immovable connecting sleeve is arranged between the toothed sleeve and the spindle drive.

9. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 8, wherein the threaded spindle is rotationally rigidly inserted with its drive end into a retention hole of the connecting sleeve.

10. (cancelled)

11. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 1, wherein the spur gear is helically toothed.

12. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 1, wherein the spur gear is formed as a double helical gear.

13. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 6, wherein the reduction gear and in particular its wave generator are movably connected to a first spiral toothed gear wheel and the motor to a second spiral toothed gear wheel of the spur gear.

14. (cancelled)

15. (cancelled)

16. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 2, wherein two or more drive shafts each with at least one motor are essentially supported in parallel to the threaded spindle in the device housing.

17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 1, wherein each motor is an electric motor.

19. (cancelled)

20. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 1, wherein the transmission ratio of the spur gear is between $i=25$ and $i<1$.

21. (cancelled)

22. (cancelled)

23. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 2, wherein at least one engaging element protrudes essentially radially outwards from the threaded spindle or the spindle nut and engages slots of a fixed sleeve and a rotating sleeve, whereby a first slot extends essentially in the axial direction and a second slot extends at an acute angle to the first slot.

24. (cancelled)

25. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 1, wherein a position sensor is assigned to an axially movable part of the spindle drive.

26. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 1, wherein a position sensor is assigned to a rotating part of the spindle drive.

27. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 2, wherein a position sensor includes an essentially flat code carrier, which is offset radially outwards with respect to the threaded spindle and arranged parallel to it.

28. (cancelled)

29. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 4, wherein a distance sleeve is arranged in a motor hole of the device housing on a side, facing away from a spiral toothed gear wheel, of the at least one motor.

30. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 4, wherein the device housing is of modular construction.

31. (canceled)

32. Drive device according to claim 3, wherein the threaded spindle and the spindle nut are supported together rotationally in the device housing.

33. (previously presented) Drive device according to claim 2, wherein the threaded spindle is releasably connected at its end facing away from the spindle nut to a sliding rod of the actuating element.

34. (cancelled)

35. (cancelled)

36. (previously presented) Drive unit according to claim 1 wherein the reduction gear assigned to the spindle drive is a harmonic drive gear.

37 (previously presented) Drive unit according to claim 1 wherein the spur gear assigned to the motor is self-locking.